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How much money do you need? People will give more toward a large goal than a small one. Nobody is challenged by a campaign for a small amount of money. The appeal for large, sacrificial gifts will bring large, sacrificial gifts. The appeal for a small amount of money sometimes does not bring even a small amount of money. Never be afraid to set a high goal.—From *Developing a Giving Church*, by W. E. Grindstaff (Fleming H. Revell Company).



The social director of the Firestone plantation took me to see the great hydroelectric plant which runs their mill and supplies their light. I had never seen the inside of a hydroelectric plant before. There were a huge pipe and four great turbine wheels. The water was open above them, but they were standing still. I said, "Why don't these turbines run?" He said, "Because the pipe is closed down at the outlet. If that were open, the water could flow through. The turbines can't run unless both the inlet and the outlet are open."

I said to this man, "That is the way our lives are. The pipe must be open up toward God and open down toward man. And then currents flow through and the wheels go round and we work with the power of God."

He said, "I never thought of that. I wonder where my pipeline is closed."—From *Channels of Spiritual Power*, by Frank C. Laubach (Fleming H. Revell Company).



NOTICES

Anyone residing or having friends or relatives in or around Bainbridge Naval Training Center, Perryville, Port Deposit, Rising Sun, Northeast, or Elkton, Maryland, please contact me, and I will personally visit them and invite them to the Church of God at Liberty Grove, Maryland.—E. D. Gray, Pastor, 218 Wilson Street, Havre de Grace, Maryland, Phone—Port Deposit 4019.

Registration for the winter semester at Lee College is January 24, 25, 1955. For a free catalog of information and application blanks, write: Rev. R. Leonard Carroll, President, Lee College, Cleveland, Tennessee.

Mrs. Vassie Brooks, 515 West Magnolia Street, Valdosta, Georgia, is now open for revivals.

Anyone having friends or relatives near East Los Angeles, please contact Brother S. L. Bunch, 1153 South Gage Avenue, Los Angeles, California. Phone AN1-1051.—Frank Woods.

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The Church of God in New Mexico has moved its State Headquarters from Roswell to Albuquerque. The new address is: Rev. Brady Dennis, State Overseer, 10015 Manual Boulevard, N.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico. There is no phone at present, but for emergencies call Albuquerque 4-5704 person-to-person.

My address has been changed from 414 South 9th Street, Bessemer, Alabama, to 1003 Hunt Avenue, Hamilton, Ohio.—W. W. Snuffer.

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COVER PICTURE

"White Valley" by Winston Pote from A. Devaney (Large birch and distant farm buildings near Lancaster, New Hampshire).

"As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger to them that send him: for he refresheth the soul of his masters." Proverbs 25:13.

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WE BELIEVE

1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible.
2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor.
4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saint's feet.
13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.
14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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One of the greatest
accomplishments of man
is to discover

Life's Purpose

By KENNETH MOORE, Pastor
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"To this end was I born," John 18:37c.

In Maeterlink's exquisite play "The Bluebird," there is a beautiful scene of the unborn babies of the future waiting to be brought to earth. Clamoring to be taken aboard, they are seen crowding toward the ship of old Father Time. Each holds in a tiny hand the commission he has been given to execute in this earth. One is commissioned to be an artist, another a poet, another a sculptor, and so on, from the greatest to the least. This poetic scene is a vivid illustration of the great truth; namely, that the Creator has endowed each individual with certain talents and gifts which He expects him to develop to the utmost capacity.

Every person has a certain end or purpose in view which he hopes to attain sometime in life. Each has a certain longing and desire to be and to do something. "Where there is no vision the people perish." We, as with a prophetic eye, look as far as possible into the future vision of life. This we do because we realize that everything is here for a definite and specific purpose. Look wherever you will, and you will not see anything in God's whole universe that is not here for a definite purpose.

Listen to every little creature—the fly as it hums, the bee as it buzzes, the bird as it chirps, the ant as it crawls, and the spider as it spins. Listen and all will seem to tell you, "To this end was I born."

Behold the lifeless objects of nature, the silent witnesses of the love of God—the small blade of grass that gives all that beautiful green covering, the flower that beautifies and purifies, the tree that shades and bears fruit, the brooklet that waters the land, the stone that strengthens and builds the sun, moon, and stars, that shine forth in all their radiance and glory. Behold them and all will seem to tell you, "To this end was I born."

EACH PERSON HAS A PLACE TO FILL.

This suggests that all of us are here for a certain purpose. Each is destined for something. Each has a certain place to fill in life which no one else can fill. God has waiting for everyone of us, somewhere at sometime, something that just suits you and me so that we, with all nature, might say, "To this end was I born."

Let us go back to the day of the ancients, and we shall find that each was born to perform a certain work. Abraham was born to be an example of faith to all generations. Noah was born to build the ark and thereby save humanity from being washed from the face of the earth. Joseph was born to save the land from starvation and thereby become the savior of his own people and

race. Moses was born to lead the children of Israel into the Promised Land. David was born to be a warrior and thereby fight in behalf of God's people. Solomon was born to execute wisdom and justice. Queen Esther was born to save her people from the hand of the persecutor. Mary and Joseph were born to bring up, nurture, and maintain the Saviour of the world. Jesus Himself, the greatest of all human beings, was born to do good, to suffer, and finally to be nailed to the cross so that you and I might be saved from eternal torment. All of these and many more, if they were here today, would tell us, "Even so to this end was I born."

Friends, as these venerable personages of old, we also, are born unto a certain end. The first thing to do in order to attain that end is to find our places in life, that place where God intends us to be, that place where we are best suited and most needed.

A young man applying for a license to preach the gospel was asked by the bishop as to what his conviction of his call to the ministry might be. The young man replied, "I had a dream, and therein I saw two letters—they were P C." "And what did they mean to you?" was the forthcoming reply. The young man answered, "They meant to me—preach Christ." The bishop, hesitating for a moment, finally replied, "Might that not also have meant plow corn?"

The finding of one's place in life is one of the greatest problems confronting man, but it can be solved if we—as Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—place our lives into the hands of God.

Until we have a vision of the end for which we were born, we will not find self-satisfaction, true happiness, and ultimate victory. The happiest man is he who has caught the vision of his life's purpose who lives with God as friend with friend.

We cannot all be kings, leaders, and men of popular applause as were Solomon, David, and Samuel, but some must fill the humble places in life with Jesse, Hannah, and Gideon. Suppose a half dollar should refuse to be used because it can do only half as much as the dollar. "Foolish coin," you would say, and rightly so. Suppose I should decline to do my part in life because I can do only half as much as some other man. "Foolish man," you would say, and rightly so. Honor the position in which God has placed you, and don't wait for it to honor you. If you cannot do what you like to do, then try to like what you are doing. Remember, God often has a

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Family Tragedies

By C. E. ALLRED, JR.



DURING THE RECENT CONFLICT in Korea, a group of GI's were leaving from a small Midwestern town. As they marched to the station, their fathers, mothers, wives, and children walked beside them. One young corporal was striding along with a full army pack. His wife, not much more than a girl, was clinging to his arm. Perched on his shoulder, hugging him tightly, was his baby daughter.

Here was a sight to touch the heart. With a sudden stab of realization we were made to think, "These boys are fighting for freedom and a way of life in which they believe, but, above all, they are fighting for their families."

Now, when the lines are drawn and the forces of godless hatred are ranged against us, this institution of the family stands out as the chief bulwark of democracy, the fundamental mainstay of our free society.

Unfortunately, many men and women are blind to the importance of family life and its power to withstand evil and promote great countries. In the pioneers' day when the members of the family worked together to hew out a livelihood from the surrounding dangers, the family, existing and surviving through its own indispensability, was the essential unit of the community.

Due to our immense industrial expansion and the rapid growth of cities the family, as an indestructible unit, is dissolving rapidly. The children do not remain at home nights; Dad is at the office, Mother is away with her bridge club; and on Sunday instead of the reverent worship of God and the gathering around the Sunday dinner table, all members of this group have individual "musts" that separate them. The family is tending to fall apart at the seams.

One great tragedy is the alarming divorce rate—half a million marriages legally broken and finished every twelve months. When one considers the heartaches, the bewildered, disillusioned children, the bitter rancors, resentments, and the chaotic mess that so often results, the figure is calamitous. How do these tragedies happen?

The fundamental cause is that people enter into the

wedded state too lightly, too rashly, and with no idea of its true meaning. The idea of sex appeal as the primary basis for matrimony that we hear crooned continually over the radio, with its sickening promises of an eternal honeymoon, has become part of the American conception of marriage. Physical attraction does have its part in marriage, and there must be a mutual physical attraction to have a lasting marriage, but there are more important qualities than ruby lips, sparkling eyes, or the over-advertised allure of a peaches-and-cream complexion. The down-to-earth reality of life demands stronger apparel than a sheer silk negligee.

IN GOLDSMITH'S NOVEL, the Vicar of Wakefield came close to the point. He chose his wife as she chose her wedding gown, for qualities that would wear well, not because she was some "dish." Marriage is a long-range program and should be accepted as such.

The early months will be the crucial ones. The honey of the honeymoon often turns to sour milk with a blinding swiftness. There must be a period of adjustment. The two people who have lived separate, individual lives must become one in all things. This will not be a happy-go-lucky period but one of stark importance.

Consequently, the home and the family will be founded upon mutual thoughtfulness and high regard for each other. The following illustration is a fine example of this:

A young man approached a well-known medical doctor with consternation concerning an impending bill. As he nervously opened his wallet, two slips of cardboard fell on the desk. As the doctor returned them, he noticed that they were pawn tickets. In a state of confusion the young man explained that he had been working only part time and had pledged his watch as part payment on the doctor's fee. The doctor hastened to assure him that his bill could wait until he was able to cope with it. Out of curiosity the doctor asked about the second slip. The young man in more confusion, still, explained that tomorrow was his wife's birthday and he could not let it pass without

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Be Self-Confident

*By trusting in God,
we can do all
things through Christ
and His strength*

By MRS. HELEN S. NEAL

DO NOT BELITTLE your abilities, but forge ahead using your talents to the fullest. Instead of worrying about your limitations, make sure you use your possibilities.

*"Fast or slow I'll reach the top!
Birds that cannot fly can hop."*

*"The bat, who cannot grow a feather,
Contrives to fly on wings of leather."*

Guiterman

It would have been easy for Beethoven to relax behind his deafness instead of working until he became a foremost composer. Milton could have counted himself a poor blind person with a handicap instead of maintaining confidence in himself and writing until he became one of the foremost figures in English literature. It was not easy for Demosthenes to become the greatest Greek orator in history when he had to pace the shore with his mouth full of pebbles, trying to outshout the waves. But he did overcome his speech impediment.

Faithfulness to the smallest things in life is never as insignificant as it may seem. Every kindness, every right doing, every church attendance is observed, and it casts your influence in the right direction. "He gave his wages for half a day to help the health campaign. Can I do less?" "He left a sick bed to attend church. I need to revise my values." These are your friends' reactions when they see the good things you do.

The lack of self-confidence leads to shyness and awkwardness. Don't confuse them with humility. Ability is given to one for things that seem beyond him, and a sufficient self-esteem and faith help him to proceed. A person should practice confidence and humility side by side. Humility keeps one knowing that his strength comes from God and prevents his being overproud or boastful.

Boasters are far from confident. They are "whistling in the dark" to cover their feeling of inadequacy. People hear them brag and realize they are trying to conceal their inferior feelings.

FRIENDS OFTEN BOLSTER one's confidence and give him a helpful perspective of his prob-

lems, but he must not make a habit of weeping on every available shoulder. When asked the secret of his success, Charles Kingsley, the great English clergyman and novelist, replied, "I had a friend." Friends believing in and expecting the best from one helps him to meet despair and brings him through many emergencies.

On an inspection tour General Washington came to the Connecticut men and found them bedraggled, a straggling group, completely discouraged. But when he had the foresight to say, "I have every confidence in the men of Connecticut," he restored their faith in themselves and made them able to go on and to fight victoriously. Lord Nelson's famous challenge "England expects every man to do his duty" has always had the same effect.

When you are discouraged, remember this, someone, somewhere believes in you. Others see the fine qualities of character, the share of a winning personality, the ability to keep on working and fighting that you in your discouragement are overlooking. Show them they were right to believe in you, and learn from them to believe in yourself.

*"How strong is he, who brave yet undefiant,
Admits mistakes, and still is self-reliant?"*

Guiterman

We are told that a grain of faith no bigger than a mustard seed can move a mountain of difficulty. The measure of our believing is the measure of our receiving. There is within us a God-given courage and a spiritual endurance of which we hardly dream.

The too timid soul never knows the joy of using one more ounce of strength and moving the load. Being confident enough to give one more tug may complete the task. One more voice raised may win the battle for truth. Ralph Waldo Emerson said:

"No man knows what he can do until he has tried . . . Trust thyself . . . Accept the place the Divine providence has found for you . . . Do your work and you shall reinforce yourself."

DAILY THOSE AROUND you falter and fail
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On The Holy Ghost Baptism

By E. E. COLEMAN,
Evangelist



*An illuminating message
on a subject of vital
importance to every Christian.*

*A careful search of the
Scriptures will reveal that
this blessing is indeed*

*"unto you, your children, and to all them that
are afar off."*



HOLY GHOST BAPTISM IN PROPHECY

Isaiah 28:9-12, "Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear."

That the stammering lips and another tongue is the rest and the refreshing wherewith God will cause the weary to rest is evident from Paul's use of this same passage in the fourteenth chapter of First Corinthians.

Joel 2:28-29, "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit."

That Joel is speaking about the Holy Ghost baptism is obvious from the fact that Peter uses it to tell the Jews what the one hundred and twenty had received on the day of Pentecost. In Acts 2:16, he says, "This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel." Then he quotes the passage from Joel's writing.

In Matthew 3:11, John the Baptizer prophesied of the Holy Ghost baptism when he said, of Jesus, "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire."

In John 14:17, Jesus also prophesied of the Holy Ghost baptism when He said, "But ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you."

THE FIRST EVIDENCE OF THE HOLY GHOST BAPTISM

Isaiah associates stammering lips and another tongue with the experience that Paul states as accompanying the Holy Ghost baptism. Isaiah 28:9-12; 1 Corinthians 14.

Jesus said that when the Holy Ghost is come "HE SHALL TESTIFY of me: And ye also shall bear witness," John 15:26-27.

Naturally this testimony of the Spirit, and by the Spirit, is in an unknown tongue; but the believer's testimony is in whatever language he is able to speak.

On the day of Pentecost, the believers "were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the spirit gave them utterance," Acts 2:1-4.

Acts 10:45-46, "And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues (as the Spirit gave the utterance), and magnify God (in whatever language they spoke)."

Acts 19:6, "The Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues (as the Spirit gave the utterance), and prophesied (in their native tongue)."

OTHER EVIDENCES OF THE HOLY GHOST BAPTISM

John 16:13, "He will guide you into all truth."

1 John 4:4, "Ye . . . have overcome them (false prophets and antichrists): because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."

John 14:26, "He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

1 John 5:7. The Holy Ghost bears record with the Father and the Word. These three are one. The Holy Ghost

will always lead the believer according to the Word of God.

Romans 5:5. The Holy Ghost sheds the love of God abroad in the believer's heart.

1 Corinthians 12:11. The Holy Ghost worketh (operates) all the gifts of the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:3. The Holy Ghost acknowledges Jesus as LORD.

1 Corinthians 12:7. The Holy Ghost gives "the manifestation of the Spirit to every man." The Greek word for manifestation is "phanerosis," and it means an external exhibition or expression made publicly. In other words, you see a man lay hands on a sick person publicly; you can also see him anoint the sick with oil; but you cannot see the healing take place within the body. That is the part the Holy Ghost works. The man handles the outward manifestation, and the Holy Ghost handles the inward work of healing.

THE PURPOSES OF THE HOLY GHOST BAPTISM

To witness for Christ, John 15:26-27.

To rest and refresh the saints, Isaiah 28:11-12.

To edify through expediency, as in John 16:7.

To make intercession for saints, Romans 8:26-27.

To edify saints through the unknown tongues, 1 Corinthians 14:4.

To reprove world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, John 16:7-14.

To empower saints for service, Acts 1:8; Luke 24:49.

To take saints in the rapture, Romans 8:11.

HOLY GHOST BAPTISM AND THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH

John 14:15-16 tells us that love and obedience will cause us to receive the Holy Ghost baptism. Naturally, a lack of love and obedience will keep us from receiving Him. Would not this lack of love and obedience also keep us from the rapture?

Romans 8:11 tells us that if the Holy Ghost is in us, it will quicken our mortal bodies. Mortal body is a living human body. The quickening will take place when this mortal puts on immortality. However, the condition is IF the Holy Ghost is IN us.

Romans 8:23 tells us that we, WHO HAVE THE FIRST-FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT, are waiting for the redemption of our bodies.

The body will be redeemed at the time of the rapture, but again, the condition is that we have the firstfruits of the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22 tells us that God hath sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts. Earnest means a pledge, i.e. part of the purchase money given in advance as security for the balance. We receive the balance of our inheritance after the rapture. This balance will consist of a place in the millennium kingdom as a priest or king under Jesus. But please note that God does not pledge himself to anyone except those who receive the earnest of the Spirit in their hearts.

2 Corinthians 5:1-11 tells us that when this earthly tabernacle is dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens; and that while in this earthly body we do groan, desiring to be clothed upon with our house from heaven (our glorified body): yet we may know that God hath wrought us for this selfsame thing (the rapture and our glorified bodies); and that he hath given us the earnest of the

Spirit which makes us confident while we are in the body of clay, and that we labor to be accepted of him, for we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ (which will be in heaven after the rapture) to receive the reward for the works done in the body.

So without this earnest of the Spirit, where is our confidence? Where is God's promise to us? Where is our assurance that we will go in the rapture?

Ephesians 1:13-14 tells us that we are sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise after we believe, and that the Holy Spirit of promise is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession.

Jesus said that the meek shall inherit the earth. This earth is our purchased possession, and it will be redeemed and given to the saints of God who go in the rapture. The Holy Ghost baptism is God's seal upon our lives until the redemption of the earth.

Ephesians 4:30 tells us not to grieve the Holy Spirit of God, whereby we are sealed unto the day of redemption.

So, without God's seal, can we afford to claim a part in the day of redemption?

Do not misunderstand this one thing—there will be many saved who do not go in the rapture. All the rest of the dead will come forth at the white throne judgment, and whosoever is not found in the Book of Life will be cast into the lake of fire: but those found in the Book of Life will be placed on the renewed earth. This, of course, will be after the thousand years of rule under Christ.

James 5:7 explains that God is waiting for the precious fruit of the earth, until he receives the early and the latter rain. He means the church, so those who receive the early and the latter rain will go in the rapture.



There is in us a haunting conviction that if we are to match these days, if we are to meet the colossal obligations which God in His providence has imposed on us as a people, then God Himself must invade us from the outside. We *must* have a fresh encounter with the living Lord of the universe, who alone can fashion us into a people we never yet have been, yet always have longed to be.

As Americans we are confronted with tremendous obligations. Following two world wars and the repulsion of the Korean aggression, we have become the stewards of the greatest military victories in all history, and in large measure we are today the guides of this world's destiny. To a very great extent, the future of the race depends on what we are an on what we do. We are mighty but hesitant; strong but cautious; powerful but burdened with anxiety. We are good, but we are far from certain that we are good enough. We are great but not quite sure that we are great enough.

Our desperate need is for something—or someone—to awaken us to the greatness already within us and the still nobler greatness to which we may obtain.

But what—or who—will do that?—From *America's Spiritual Recovery*, by Edward L. R. Elson (Fleming R. Revell Company).



*An eloquent challenge
to the youth of the Church.*

YOUTH CO

TWO GREAT ARMIES, facing each other,
Were each on a mountain with a valley between.
Although these hostile armies were bitter enemies.
There was no sound of the battle trumpet.

No bows were drawn.
No arrows were flying.
No clash of armor sounded.
No sound of battle was heard.

There was just silence, deathly silence,
The kind just before the storm.
Both armies sat still with eyes fixed on the valley be-
neath.
It would be decided in that valley, that day which army
would go down in defeat.

In the valley stood a giant over nine feet tall.
He is the largest man known to history.
His armor was brilliant and dazzling as it glittered in
the sun.

A helmet of brass was upon his head.
A target of brass was upon his shoulders.
A coat of mail covered his chest.
A coat of brass was around his legs.

The spear he carried was as long as a weaver's beam,
and the head of it weighed 600 shekels of iron.
An armor bearer carried his shield.
The giant blinked his big black eyes in the bright sun-
shine.

He saw something which he could not believe.
Coming before him was a lad, a stripling, a shepherd
boy, with a staff in one hand and a sling in the other.

The giant was humiliated.
With a sulky snarl
And a wrathful attitude,
He cried out with a voice that broke like a clap of
thunder:

"I am debased in the sight of my armies this day
That a mere lad should come against me with a staff as
he would a dog.
I will give your flesh to the fowls of the air.

I will give your flesh to the beast of the field."

The giant pushed his armor bearer aside;
He breathed out curses;
He drew his sword, ready for the kill,
And moved toward the lad.

This shepherd boy, this stripling, this mere lad,
Cried out to the giant:
"You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a shield:
But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts,
The God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

"This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands.
I will kill you.
I will take off your head.
I will give your carcass to the beast of the field.

"Then will the people know that the Lord does not fight
with a sword or a spear.
Then will the whole earth know that there is a God in
Israel."

The giant grew hot with anger.
He rushed at the youth.
The youth rushed toward the giant—
A giant veteran soldier against a shepherd lad.

The youth put his hand into his shepherd's bag.
He took out a small, smooth stone.
He placed it in his sling.
He let the stone fly with true aim, and it hit its mark.

The stone sank deeply into the forehead of the giant.
He toppled over with a crushing sound to the earth,
Dead by the hand of youth.
Who did something that the king feared greatly?
Who did something that the whole army feared?

The strength of youth conquered that day in Israel.
The strength of youth had conquered before that day.
The strength of youth is conquering today.

This brings me to my subject, which I choose to call

YOUTH CONQUERS

The Church of God Evangel

CONQUERS

By JOHN J. CODY, Pastor Carmi, Illinois



MY TEXT IS 1 John 2:14b, "I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one."

I pray that the Holy Ghost will bless the Word of God to your hearts.

I pray as Elisha did when surrounded by the Syrian army.

I pray that God will open your eyes to His invisible, heavenly host.

I pray that you will see the mountains full of horses and charlots of fire.

I pray that you will realize that there is more to serving God than serving the world.

I want you to see that this is not a no-religion,
That it is not a don't-do-that-religion,
That it is not a sorrowful-religion,
That it is not just for the grownups,
That it is not just for the dying.

I want to show you that it is a yes-religion,
That it is a do-something-religion,
That it is a happy-religion,
That it is a religion for the youth,
That it is a religion for the living.

He came riding on a white Arabian stallion.
He was being praised by all Egypt.
He was prime minister, second only to the Pharaoh.
He was only a youth, but he had conquered.

The Pharaoh of all Egypt had had a dream.
His spirit was troubled because of this dream.
He called all his wise men, but they could give no interpretation.
He called all the magicians, but they could give no interpretation.

The chief butler of Pharaoh said;
"I do remember my faults this day.
There is a young man in prison.
This young man interpreted my dream.
It came to pass as he interpreted it to me."

Then Pharaoh sent for this young man.
Brought out of prison, he came before Pharaoh.
Then Pharaoh said, "I have dreamed a dream.
I have heard that you can interpret it."

And this young man said:
"It is not in me.
It is in God.
And God shall give you an answer."

This young man was Joseph.
This young man interpreted the king's dream.
This young man saved a nation from starvation.
This young man was made prime minister of Egypt.

What made Joseph, as a youth, unafraid?
What made Joseph, in his youth become a conqueror?
The answer rings forth again and again—
The Lord was with Joseph;
The Lord was with Joseph.

Joseph, as a youth, put his trust in God.
Joseph was thrown into a pit.
He was thrown there by jealous brothers.
He was thrown there because of his dreams and his vision.

But the Lord was with Joseph.
From the pit he was sold to traders.
From traders he was sold as a slave.
When a slave he was thrown into prison.

But the Lord was with Joseph
From the prison to the time he became prime minister
of Egypt,

From the prison to the palace,
From poverty to plenty,
From rags to riches.
The Lord was with Joseph.

Some people think that Christianity is a religion,
That Christians must wear a long face,
That Christians must wear rags,
That Christians must be quiet and reserved,
That Christians must go out and hide.

But Christianity is a religion of joy and happiness,
A religion of dressing in the best you have,
A religion of seeing visions,
A religion of doing things.

Young man, young woman, are you satisfied?
Do you want to do something that will count—
That will count not only in this life, but also in the life
to come?
Then

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth,
while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh,
when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them," Ec-
clesiastes 12:1.

Should we, as youth, wait until we are old to serve the
Lord Jesus Christ?
No, for the Bible gives us the answer.
We are to remember the Lord in our youth.
For when we grow older

Our eyes may grow dim, then we can't see Him.
Our ears may grow deaf, then we can't hear Him.
Our tongues may grow dumb, then we can't speak for
Him.
Our hearts may grow hard, then we can't let Him in.

God, grant that we, as youth, shall awaken out of our
sleep,
That we shall see ourselves this day,
That we shall arise and serve You.

May we realize that You can make something out of the
worst of us.
Even as you did Gideon in the Bible,
Who was only a farmer's son and
Who was afraid and hid threshing wheat.

The Lord saw possibilities in that country boy.
He sees possibilities in you tonight.
Whether you live on the farm, work in the mill, work in
the town, or go to school.

God spoke to this country lad.
God let him see an angel.
God called this young man a mighty man of valor.
God set this boy's soul on fire from His altar.
He heard God and began to do something.
He cut down the groves where the idols were worshiped.
He tore down the altars of the idol worshippers.
He built again the altar of the Lord God.

If the Lord is to be heard,
If something is to be done for Him.
If idols are to be kept out of the Church,
Youth must hear and answer that call.

If we are to win,
If we are to defeat the enemy,
We must begin with what we have.
We must begin with all we have.

Then God will multiply our talents.
He will subtract our mistakes.
He will divide our blessings.

He will add stars to our crowns.

Young man, young woman, boy or girl, are you hiding
from the Lord,
Hiding in the decaying things of this world?
I pray that you will come out of your hiding place
And stand head and shoulders above everybody.

God can do for you what He did for Saul.
Where was Saul when he was called forth for king?
He was hidden.
He was hidden among the cargo and the baggage.

What did the Lord do for Saul?
The Lord found him.
He was anointed king of Israel.
He received a changed heart.

Are you hiding because life seems tedious
Or because you feel underprivileged
Or because you feel unimportant, undermined, unreal,
or unstable?

If your life is dull and boring,
If you are not firmly fixed,
If you feel unevenly balanced or adjusted,
If your future looks all confused, muddled, and tangled,

Just remember there is One who cares.
There is One who knows the load you bear.
That Someone is the Lord Jesus Christ.
He is waiting now with the holy anointing Oil

To pour it upon your head,
To kiss away your wrecked life,
To place within you a new heart,
To make you a king over your own life.

Then you will walk out of darkness into light.
Then you will take off the old and put on the new.
Then you will be head and shoulders above all.
Then you will go forth to conquer.

You may say,
"You are not talking to me.
This could never happen to me.
I am too young, unexperienced, and I don't even look like
a leader."

Listen, the Lord needed a king for Israel.
The Lord said to Samuel, the prophet of Israel,
"Samuel, fill your horn with oil.
Go down to the house of Jesse, the Bethlehemite.
I have provided me a king among his sons."

Samuel filled his horn with anointing oil.
Down the road he went to Bethlehem,
Down to the house of Jesse
To anoint a leader, ruler, sovereign and king over Israel.

Samuel called Jesse and his sons to a feast.
When they came before Samuel, he looked on Eliab, the
oldest.
He looked on his countenance.
He looked on his physical strength.

Eliab looked like a ruler, a leader, or a king.
He was a strong man.
He was the oldest brother.
He looked as if he had the necessary experience.

Samuel looked once, twice, and the third time.
He had Eliab to turn around.
He looked at him from head to toe.
"Certainly this is the man," he thought. "There is no use to go any further.
Surely this is the Lord's anointed."

Wait, there is another side to this story.
The other side is the Lord.
The Lord stepped right in.
He spoke to Samuel, and this is what He said:

"Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart," 1 Samuel 16:7.

SAMUEL LOOKED bewildered and said:

"Jesse, send out your other sons."
Out they came, six more, one by one until the last one had passed.
No answer came from the Lord.

Samuel looked confused.
Samuel looked over all the boys again.
All the sons looked at Samuel.
Samuel looked at Jesse, and Jesse looked at Samuel.

Samuel asked, "Jesse, is this all the sons you have?"
"No," said Jesse,
"I have one more, but he is the youngest; he is unimportant and inexperienced.
I left him down in the fields with the sheep."

A twinkle came in Samuel's eyes.
A smile crept across his face.
His voice sounded affluently as he said to Jesse:
"Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither."

Off a big brother went after the youngest.
Then there he came beside his big brother.
He was just a lad, a stripling, a shepherd boy, only a youth.

Samuel could not take his eyes from him.
The Lord said: "Samuel, arise, anoint him: for this is he."
Samuel obeyed.
With his horn of holy anointing oil,
With the trembling hands of an old man,

He poured the oil upon David's head.
Then the Bible said:
"And the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward," 1 Samuel 16:13b.

From that day forward, David conquered.
He conquered the harp, for when he played upon it, the evil spirits fled from Saul.

He conquered the lion and the bear, for when they endangered his flock, he slew them.
He conquered the giant, for when he defied the armies of the Lord, David killed him.
He conquered the kingdom, for when the people wanted a king, he was their choice.
And most of all, he conquered his own soul, for he cried out:

"Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow . . . blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me," Psalm 51:7-10.

He kept his soul conquered by saying,

"As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God," Psalm 42:1, 2a.

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

"The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore," Psalm 121.

David was a conqueror all through his life.
When his hair turned grey,
When his eyes grew dim,
When his body grew weak,
He could still call out in a clear, conquering voice:

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

"Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever," Psalm 23.

That is the testimony of a man who was a conqueror,
Who was a conqueror from his youth to his death.

The Lord Jesus Christ needs conquerors today.
The Lord needs strong men and women.
The Lord needs men and women with their hearts, minds, bodies, and souls set on today and tomorrow.

Where will the Lord Jesus Christ find these?
Will it be in the aged?
Will it be in the weak?
Will it be in the feeble?
Will it be in the slothful?

Will the Lord find these carrying out His command
Carrying out His marching orders?
No, He will not!
Then, where will He find them?

He will find them in the youth,
In the mighty army of the young.
That great song "The Mighty Army of the Young" brings
this out. It says:

"Mighty army of the young,
Lift the voice in cheerful song;
Send the welcome word along,
Jesus lives!
Once He died for you and me,
Bore our sins upon the tree;
Now He lives to make us free;
Jesus lives!

"Tongues of children light and free,
Tongues of youth all full of glee,
Sing to all on land and sea,
Jesus lives!
Light for you and all mankind,
Sight for all by sin made blind,
Life in Jesus all may find;
Jesus lives!

"Jesus lives, O blessed words!
King of kings, the Lord of lords!
Lift the cross and sheathe the swords;
Jesus lives!
See, He breaks the prison walls,
Throws aside the dreadful pall,
Conquers death at once for all;
Jesus lives!

"Wait not till the shadows lengthen,
Till you older grow;
Rally now and sing for Jesus
Everywhere you go;
Lift your joyful voices high,
Ringing clear thro' earth and sky;
Let the blessed tidings fly,
Jesus lives!"

You need Jesus Christ,
You, young man.
You, young woman.
Who shall step out on His promises?
Who shall go forth to conquer in His name?



In a great burst of false generosity Louis XI once made a solemn deed and covenant giving the entire province of Boulogne to the Virgin Mary in perpetuity. Louis reserved "all the revenues thereof" for himself. There are a great number of superficially pious people today who say, "We are living under grace and have given all that we have to God!" But you will notice that they still keep practically all of it for themselves. It seems reasonable that God would still prefer the tithe in cold cash.—From *Developing a Giving Church*, by W. E. Grindstaff (Fleming H. Revell Company).

LIFE'S PURPOSE

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great share in a little house and a little share in a big house. Friends, may we be content with the lots assigned to us by God and with His Son Jesus, say, "To this end was I born."

THE PREPARATION FOR OUR TASK.

Then, as with Moses, we must be prepared for the task which God has waiting for us. We may not as yet be ready to serve our purpose in life. The photographer takes his sensitive plate into a darkroom to develop his picture. Before that process, it is not ready to serve its purpose. So, God often draws the curtain upon us, and there in the darkness He brings out some rare beauty in our lives. O friends, may we meet with God in the bush, and there ask the Master for Peter's hook to bring up the fish, for David's staff to guide the sheep aright, for David's sling to meet our giant foe, for Gideon's torch to light the way, saying with all sincerity of purpose, "To this end was I born."

THE DETERMINATION TO SUCCEED IN OUR TASK.

Then being prepared for the task God has waiting for us, may we, with Joshua, be determined to succeed in that with which we are entrusted. We must feel that we are capable of challenging that for which we are suited in life. A man who believes in himself cannot fail. To see what is right and then to be able to do it, is the most severe of all tests. If a man is not able to stand alone upon his feet, alone on the lofty peaks of serenity, unruffled by the storms of opposition, he is every man's man but his own. A man must be true to his ideals, and he must endeavor to lift the multitude to his ideals, if he knows he is in the right, instead of descending to their point of view. To succeed we must remain moderate at all times and under all conditions and not go to either extreme should fortune favor or frown upon us. One way to get ahead and stay ahead is to use a head.

WE MUST PERSEVERE WITH OUR TASK.

Last, may we with the apostle Paul learn to persevere in that with which we have been entrusted even unto the end. We must not become tired of our lot, but we must stick to it through thick and thin. The postage stamp placed upon an envelope will stay with that envelope until it has reached its destination. It stays with its job; it sticks to its purpose. Look at the stamp on an envelope you have just received. You will see marks on it indicating that it has accomplished the purpose for which it was intended. Even so, we as human beings should be marked by goods all along the way of life which indicate that we are accomplishing the purpose that God has in our lives.

We owe it to God to fulfill the end whereunto we were born. There was a time when you and I stood upon the slave block of sin. Some are standing there now. The occasion was the auction of souls. The world and Satan were bidding for our souls. Then suddenly upon the scene came a Man with a crown of thorns upon His head. He also offered to buy our souls, and He made a full and complete purchase with the dear price of His own precious blood. As we look back upon this scene, we hear Him saying unto us, "I gave my life for thee; what hast thou given for me? I left my home for thee; what hast thou left for me? I bore bitterest agony for thee; what hast thou borne for me? I brought salvation, full and free, to thee; what hast thou brought me? This I have

done for thee; what hast thou done for me?"

Oh, for a more purposeful life, stimulated not by selfish motives but by the deepest emotions of the Holy Spirit, which make for the triumphant ideal of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Oh, for a life that absorbs the highest possibilities of which it is capable in the service of the Master. Oh, for a life against which it cannot be said, "Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting." Moreover, "Only an armor bearer, proudly I stand; waiting to follow the King's command. If in the battle to my trust I'm true, mine shall be the honor in the grand review." Be this each persons vision as—

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye,
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.



FAMILY TRAGEDIES

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gift. Therefore, he had pawned his war medals to buy her a silver brooch. Also, there was a young wife who had suffered for months with an illness that was very dangerous but who had never breathed it to her husband because there was simply no money to take care of the added expense of a doctor. Such devotion and courage will save any marriage and preserve it as a lasting affair.

The home is built upon such acts of thoughtfulness and high regard for each other. There is no place for the selfish, self-indulgent man or woman; marriage is no joy ride. Those who disown their responsibilities and ignore the hard facts will never realize homes of warmth and love, but will have a house in which to sleep and tables at which to eat—there will be little else to reward them.

The one virtue necessary to obtain such happiness and security against tragedy is loyalty. The one rock upon which the family suffers most shipwrecks is one often submerged and unseen, infidelity.

Adultery is an ugly word and denotes a despicable betrayal of mutual trust so destructive in its effects that I shall not name them here. Yet, there are other acts of disloyalty just as destructive. There are mothers of fine moral characters who would blanch at the thought of infidelity in this direction, but they live in an attitude of unconscious desire to belittle their husbands in the eyes of children and strangers. With a raised eyebrows and critical remarks about their dress, they continually criticize their husbands every move.

EQUALLY MANIFESTED is this disloyalty by wives who discuss husbands behind their backs and husbands who woo sympathy from other women because they are misunderstood at home. These wives and husbands, bearing sad tales of this or that imagined injustice, fly for sympathy to friends or relatives.

No partnership can survive under such conditions—a house divided cannot stand. Such people should bury their misunderstandings and bickerings in their own back yards and face the world with a smile. Of all the aids to family equilibrium, none is more blessedly useful than a sense of humor.

Most powerful of all is the need for some manifestation of religious spirit. We have come a long way, even in the Church of God, since the Bible was read aloud in every home to an assembled family. The tangled affairs of family life will vanish under the light of Christ and His love.

The astounding reports of juvenile misconduct will continue to rise until every mother and dad assumes his or her own responsibility and works at the problem with a sincere attitude. There will be no fifteen-year-old boys attending public school drunk, as happened in North Carolina, when both Mother and Dad face facts. Neither will there be a half million broken homes with a widening circle of devastation and bewilderment.

The family, the backbone of our great nation, with its moral and spiritual principles, is essential to all. There is little need to stain the soil of distant battlefields with the blood of mothers' sons if we don't keep the flame of the family altars burning brightly with Christian love and fellowship.



BE SELF-CONFIDENT

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more from a lack of faith in God and confidence in themselves than from real inability. Often those with less talent and less training succeed because of their faith and their confidence that they will be given the patience and strength to stay with their tasks until they are completed. The job at hand is necessary in your scheme of life. Your faithfulness to the smallest things is vital to your success. Doing each present job with confidence and courage builds strength for future tasks and problems as surely as physical exercise develops physical strength.

Learn to rely on yourself and believe in what you can achieve, with God's help. Then your chances for success will consistently be greater.

Christ said:

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father, which is in heaven."

If you can do this—approach each day with confidence in yourself, followed by modesty in your achievement, keep always humble, knowing your strength comes from a greater Source, then today will be well lived. Furthermore, your yesterdays will be happy memories, and tomorrow will be full of hope.



God has built countless bridges to men's minds, but He has placed one limitation on Himself; He does not cross the last drawbridge into our minds until we invite Him. It is a drawbridge which we open and close from within the castle of our souls. Don't ask me why. I don't know. I suppose it is because He wants His sons to have free wills. Whatever the reason, God's final problem in bridge-building is to get past the portal of our own minds.—From *Channels of Spiritual Power*, by Frank C. Laubach (Fleming H. Revell Company).



PARIS, Texas—We have just had a two weeks' revival with Brother Albert D. Hall, of Helena, Arkansas, as the evangelist. He is a minister filled with the anointing of God, and his wonderful messages held the entire congregation spellbound, fed our souls, and stirred the hearts of the unsaved. Twelve were saved, 9 sanctified, and 7 filled with the Holy Ghost. It was said by some that it was the greatest revival that this church has enjoyed for years. We pray that the spiritual uplifting the church received during this revival will prevail in our midst until Jesus comes.—Alvana Coker, Reporter.

RHODELL, W. Va.—We have just had a three weeks' revival which was the greatest in the history of this church. Forty-seven were saved, 25 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 27 added to the church. I started the revival with the help of Brother Parsons, and Brother Prentice Parker conducted the last part.—Louis P. Beard, Pastor.

LONGVIEW, N. C.—We have just had a great revival with Brother D. J. Brooks as the evangelist. Twelve were saved, 9 sanctified, 9 filled with the Holy Ghost, 10 added to the Church, and a number reclaimed and healed. We organized this church two years ago under a tent with eighteen members. We now have sixty-two members, and they are really blood-washed saints. We have a nice little church with over 100 in Sunday School and our indebtedness is paid down to a little over \$3,000.—W. J. Pritchard, Pastor.

HOPEWELL, Va.—We praise God for the good revival which has just come to a close here. Eight were saved, 5 sanctified, 3 filled with the Holy Ghost, 7 baptized in water, and 4 added to the church. Brother Ted Martin, of Roanoke, Virginia, was the evangelist. He was a great blessing to the church, and we heartily recommend him for revivals anywhere.—C. W. McKay, Pastor.

LOOKOUT, W. Va.—We thank God for the two weeks' revival which we enjoyed here. Sister Ethel L. Loudin, of Charleston, West Virginia, was our evangelist. Two were saved, 4 sanctified, 4 filled with the Holy Ghost, and sick bodies were healed. Those who attended the meeting were given a new desire to go on with the Lord.—Reporter.

BARREN SPRINGS, Va.—We had a two weeks' revival September 26 through October 10. Sister Earl Plaster, of Johnson City, Tennessee, was the evangelist, and the Lord blessed in a great way. Sister Plaster is a humble, consecrated sister, and her messages are surely ordered of God. Six were saved, 3 sanctified, 5 added to the church, and 1 was filled with the Holy Ghost. We had eighty in Sun-

day School on October 24.—J. L. McKay, Pastor.

CINCINNATI (McMicken Street), Ohio—We recently held a revival with Brother Ervin as the evangelist. He really set our hearts on fire for God, and the Lord blessed every night. Four were saved, 4 sanctified, 3 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 4 added to the church. We love our pastor, Brother Charles Dunagin.—Clerk.

EAST GASTONIA, N. C.—We recently enjoyed a two weeks' revival with Brother Furman Hanna, of Belton, South Carolina, as the evangelist. Twenty-three were saved, 10 sanctified, 10 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 9 added to the church during October. The people felt that Brother Hanna was a very able evangelist.

ST. CHARLES, Mo.—Sister Wallace, of St. Louis, Missouri, recently conducted us a revival. Nine were saved, 5 sanctified, 5 filled with the Holy Ghost, 2 baptized in water, 4 added to the church, and there were several outstanding healings. The church was greatly blessed.—R. Clark, Reporter.

KENTWOOD, La.—We recently had an outstanding revival with Brother J. W. Bennett, of Memphis, Tennessee, as the evangelist. In the very first service there were 5 saved, and God was with us in a wonderful way in every service. Many people were healed as a result of the prayer of faith. God blessed and anointed Brother Bennett who knows how to let God have His way. Fifteen were saved, 4 sanctified, 4 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 2 added to the church. We were sorry that Brother Bennett could not stay with us longer, but we are looking forward to spring when he has promised to return to Kentwood for a tent campaign. We will surely recommend Brother J. W. Bennett to any pastor who desires to have a soul-stirring revival.—Warren E. Coleman, Pastor.

CINCINNATI, Ohio—Our latest revival which started October 30 and closed November 14 was conducted by Brother L. L. Hughes, of Crescent Springs, Kentucky. One soul was saved and 2 received the Holy Ghost. Brother J. W. Maness is our pastor.—Charles R. Hollis, Clerk.

LANETT, Ala.—Another two weeks' revival came to an end yesterday at the Lanett, Alabama, Church of God. God gave us a good revival. Two were saved, 1 was sanctified, and 3 were added to the church. We bow our unworthy heads and give God the glory. Praise His wonderful name! The church is still going forward under the leadership of our humble pastor

and his good wife. In September we had 4 added to the church and 3 in November. Others are looking this way, and the revival spirit is still here. Brother Fred Swank, of Somerset, Pennsylvania, was the evangelist, and he did some good preaching. He is a well-read young man and will be a blessing to any church. He preached some powerful sermons.—Wm. T. Overcash.

Telegram

FORT MILL, S. C.—We are having the greatest revival we have had in years. Bobby Ross is the evangelist. In less than two weeks 33 have been saved, and many have been healed and filled with the Holy Ghost. We are having good crowds as the meeting continues.—Walter R. Pettitt, Pastor.

TYLER, Texas—We have just had one of the greatest revivals in the history of this church. Brother C. G. Crutcher, of Lamesa, Texas, was the evangelist. Fourteen were saved, 8 sanctified, 8 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 10 added to the church. Besides this, the church has taken on new courage and many testified of how God has touched and healed their bodies. Truly this was a great revival.—J. E. Dement, Pastor.

COCHRAN, Ga.—We have just had a three weeks' revival conducted by Sister Ruth Staples. God blessed in a marvelous way. Twelve were saved, 6 sanctified, and 3 filled with the Holy Ghost. Our new pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Lewis E. Smith, are on fire for God and have a mind to work for God. Our Sunday School is building up. We had 95 in Sunday School a week ago, and 101 this Sunday. Sister Ruth Staples, who is from Macon, Georgia, doesn't mind preaching the Word.—Herschel Jackson, Reporter.

BRADLEY, Fla.—We are praising the Lord for the wonderful three weeks' revival that He gave us with Sister Irene Hillhouse as the evangelist. God's approval was on the revival from the very first service, and His Spirit, the Holy Ghost, was there. Some said that this was the best revival the church has ever had. Our church is relatively new, and Brother R. E. Drymon is our second pastor. Eight were saved, 7 sanctified, and 14 filled with heaven's sweet Holy Ghost. The messages were wonderful. Sister Hillhouse preaches old-time holiness. The Holy Ghost power was there every night searching out the hearts of the people. We are anxiously awaiting the time when Sister Hillhouse will come our way again. We are praising the Lord for the revival. The church is moving forward spiritually, in fact every department of the church has felt the effects of this good revival.—Mildred Simmons, Reporter.



religious news



PRIEST TESTIFIES TO TORTURES BY COMMUNISTS

HONG KONG, China (EP) A Belgian Roman Catholic missionary who arrived here after more than three years' imprisonment in a Communist jail at Peiping said that the report of his death, published by a church society in Belgium two years ago, was "only half true, I was only half dead." The Rev. Albert Sohler, 39, said from his hospital bed here that he did not know why the Reds arrested him or why they released him.

Father Sohler has chain scars on his wrists and ankles. His hips and back show the scars of slashings, and he has a hump in his back from a dislocated vertebra that was not properly treated. The priest said most of the tortures he suffered were inflicted by his Chinese cell mates, who were incited to the action by Communist guards, and that he wore ankle chains so long his legs are still partially paralyzed.

DECLARES SECULARISM BRED IN CHRISTIAN COLLEGES

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) American colleges are breeding grounds for secularism. Dr. D. Elton Trueblood, chief of religious policy for the United States Information Agency, told members of the Washington Ministerial Union here. "Some of the worst examples of secularism are in those colleges founded by religious organizations," he declared. "They seem a little ashamed of their origin so they try to be just as worldly as some of the big state institutions."

In many such schools, the daily chapel is maintained just for "appearance" said Dr. Trueblood, who was professor of philosophy at Earlham (Ind.) College before coming to his present post in Washington. But he said there is a "wonderful recovery" in progress in some colleges which have come to "recognize their heritage and approach it without apology."

The population of Africa is around two hundred million. Only one in forty is Caucasian and one in eight is Christian.

It has been pointed out that World War II veterans, educated under the GI Bill, have increased their earnings to the extent that they are paying an

extra billion dollars a year income taxes. At this rate, the total GI education bill can be wiped out in fifteen years.

PHYSICIAN SEES "SPIRITUAL DISEASE" IN NATION

MIAMI, Florida (EP) An ominous "spiritual disease" seems to be spreading, a prominent physician declared, and a change of heart is needed to fight it. "The physical and mental health of our people is relatively good, but there is evidence of spiritual disease," Dr. Julian P. Price, pediatrician of Florence, S. C., told the American Medical Association.

He said the signs include "laxness of morals in our national government in recent years; the hold which organized vice has on legislative and social life; dishonesty and corruption in various State and local governments; the increase in crime in our teen-age population; the evidence of bribery and unethical conduct in amateur athletics; the effort made by many to cheat on their income tax; the mad search for pleasure which causes our people to spend four times as much for alcoholic beverages as they do for religious and welfare activities; the inroads which the doctrine of atheistic Communism is making on the thinking of some of our citizens."

Dr. Price, a member of the AMA's board of trustees, declared the only remedy "lies in a change of heart. It is my sincere belief that the greatest need of our country today—and of our profession—is a spiritual rebirth, a return to God and His eternal principles. And the rebirth must come in the heart of the average citizen—and in the average doctor of medicine." He called on doctors to remember that they are men and citizens as well as holders of M.D. degrees, that they should be active in community life, particularly in education, in work for boys and girls, in charitable and philanthropic organizations.

The new tax bill which President Eisenhower has signed into law, raises from twenty to thirty per cent the amount a taxpayer may deduct from his income by reason of charitable contributions. However, it provides that the additional ten per cent must be limited to gifts to "a church, a convention or association of churches, or a regularly established educational institution, or a hospital."

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police reported recently a "steadily increasing" wave of violence on Canada's crime-front, particularly in British Columbia where narcotics offences and murders climbed sharply. In the area under its jurisdiction, the RCMP report for the 1953-54 fiscal year revealed murders had climbed over thirty-five per cent, from thirty-four to forty-six and narcotics arrests from 495 to 507 "a record high for recent years."

DISLIKES RELIGION MIXED WITH COMMERCIALS ON TV

LONDON (EP) General Wilfred Kitching, world leader of the Salvation Army who recently returned from a tour of the United States and Canada, said here he had been distressed by American television because it mixed "the most sacred programs with advertisements for all manner of goods. By the time you have mixed up motor oil and baking powder with the Lord's Prayer and the twenty-third Psalm," he asked, "what opportunity is there for the creation of a religious atmosphere?"

General Kitching believes there is a "much better chance of peace today." He pointed out that within the last five years there have been "many international incidents any one of which, had it occurred twenty-five years ago, would have started a first-class war." He said he was agreeably surprised that the American reaction to the recent shooting down of a U. S. plane by the Russians "showed no hint of a vengeful spirit," and felt sure the Americans "are not going to be aggravated by pinpricks."

There are now only two ordained clergymen serving in Congress. They are Representative Dewey Short (R.-Mo.), an inactive Methodist minister, and Representative Adam Clayton Powell (D.-N.Y.), pastor of the 12,000-member congregation of the Abyssinian Baptist Church in New York City's Harlem area. They have been re-elected from their districts.

The August, 1954, birth rate was the highest ever recorded, 369,000, up from the previous high recorded in August, 1953; and the figures for the first eight months of this year also set a new record, no less than 2,640,000 births.

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